

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5905

LCO No. 1557

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by: REP. CARON, 44th Dist.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the State Bond Commission be empowered to authorize the
- 2 issuance of bonds of the state in accordance with section 3-20 of the
- 3 general statutes, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate
- 4 five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the proceeds of which
- 5 shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community
- 6 Development for the purpose of a grant to the Northeastern Economic
- 7 Alliance for businesses in the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury,
- 8 Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon,
- 9 Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson,
- 10 Union, Willington, Windham and Woodstock, which shall provide
- 11 loans, grants-in-kind and equity investments to businesses in
- 12 northeastern Connecticut for the purposes of retaining and creating
- 13 jobs through microenterprises, small businesses and state higher
- 14 education spin-off companies not eligible for conventional bank loans
- or financing from Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide economic development financial assistance for small businesses in northeastern Connecticut.